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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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METHOD OF INSTALLATION

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Prior to examination of the application, please cancel claims 471-490 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and add the following new claims:

-538. A plating system, comprising:

an anterior cervical plate adapted to be applied to the anterior human cervical spine, said plate having a lower surface adapted to contact the anterior aspect of at least one cervical vertebral body and an upper surface opposite said lower surface, at least one bone screw receiving hole extending from said upper surface through said lower surface, said bone screw receiving hole being adapted to receive at least one bone screw for engaging the cervical vertebral body to attach said plate to the cervical spine; and

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